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Carson Announces Over \$67,200 For Spring Valley Volunteer Fire Dept.

Washington, D.C. --

Today, Second District Congressman Brad Carson (D-OK) announced the awarding of a \$67,200 grant to the Spring Valley Volunteer fire department. The grant is part of a joint program offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA) in which grants are made directly to local fire departments in order to make communities more disaster resistant.

"I am excited that we were able to join as a team with the Spring Valley fire department to fight hard for this funding, and that FEMA acknowledged that Cherokee County was deserving of these funds," said Congressman Carson. "Each day we witness our firefighters and rescue personnel respond to countless emergencies requiring sophisticated equipment and hours of training. This grant will help to ensure that the Spring Valley Volunteer fire department will have the tools needed to face these emergencies."

FEMA received more than 19,700 applications containing a total of 30,878 requests for assistance (the total number of requests for assistance exceeds the total number of applications because many applications contained requests for more than one funding). The total dollar value of the requests was approximately \$2.98 billion; FEMA was appropriated \$100 million to fulfill those requests and expect to award only 1,500-2,000 grants for the entire nation.

"Since taking office, I made it a top priority to push for awareness of grant funding in order to help Oklahoma receive the grant funding we deserve," said Congressman Carson. "This money is too precious to just be left on the table. It is time Oklahoma starts receiving the money Oklahoma needs and deserves."

The grant funding can be used in six different eligible categories:

- 1) Train firefighting personnel
- 2) Establish wellness and fitness programs for firefighting personnel
- 3) Buy firefighting vehicles

- 4) Buy firefighting equipment
- 5) Buy personal protective equipment
- 6) Fund fire prevention programs

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